2818705580

P.01/02

FFICIAL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

OFFICIAL U.S. SERIAL NUMBER 09/944,541 **CASE 6149**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of

CRISPIN L. DEBELLIS, ET AL.

ANNULAR HEAT EXCHANGING

Filed:

August 31, 2001

Serial No.:

09/944,541

Art Unit:

1764

Examiner:

Basia Anna Ridley

(CASE 6149)

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2003,

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect, with traverse, to pursue claims 1 -22 designated by the Examiner as Species I. Accordingly, claims 23 - 45 have been cancelled. As to the drawings, applicants elect to pursue the embodiment of Fig. 4 designated by the Examiner as Speicies (i).

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

OFFICIAL U.S. SERIAL NUMBER 09/944,541 CASE 6149

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being FAXED to: Examiner Basia Anna Ridley, at (703) 872-9310, of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231 on <u>June 25, 2003</u>.

(Date)

D. Neil LaHaye

Name of person faxing

Signature

Date

Respectfully submitted,

D. Neil LaHaye, Reg. No. 30,767

Attorney of Record Senior Patent Counsel J. Ray McDermott, S.A.

757 N. Eldridge Parkway Houston, TX 77079 (281) 870-5560

Received from < 2818705580 > at 6/25/03 3:45:03 PM [Eastern Daylight Time]